

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING REPORT

May 1, 2004

### Board Activities

1. Implemented Nurse Licensure Compact July 1, 2003. Tennessee licenses marked multistate or valid in Tennessee only. Nurses licensed in Tennessee whose primary state of residence is Tennessee and who hold an unencumbered license are eligible for a multistate license which grants the privilege to practice in a sister compact state. When an employee has a multistate void license, verify compact state license.
2. January 1, 2004 marks the date when documentation of competence is required for renewal for the first group of nurses notified of the competency requirements January 2002. Nurses must maintain a file containing documentation of meeting two of the fifteen options. This file is subject to review by the board. **DO NOT SUBMIT TO THE BOARD UNLESS REQUESTED.**
3. Voted to adopt APN Certification rules September 2003. These rules set up a board certification process for four categories of advanced practice nurses—Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Certified Nurse Midwives. The rules are in the office of the attorney general.
4. Voted to adopt rules relating to PC/LLC September 2003. These rules prevent non RNs from serving as officers in a professional nurse corporation, preventing a non nurse from overruling a nursing decision. Rules are in the office of the attorney general.
5. Authorized a rulemaking hearing regarding treatment of pain, determination of death in hospitals and housekeeping changes to continued competency. November 25, 2003, 2:30 P.M. CST. These rules set out guidelines for prescribing controlled substances for chronic pain, articulate the requirements for determination of death in hospitals and clarify the continued competency rules most notably allowing inservice to count as contact hours for documenting competency. A vote on these rules deferred until May.
6. Voted to adopt rules with the Board of Medical Examiners regarding nurse practitioner prescription writing. These rules set out the requirement that the prescription writer signs the prescription, owns the prescription and circles the name of the supervising physician on the printed prescription. The rules are in the office of the attorney general.
7. Will consider a vote to hold a rulemaking hearing re: prerequisites to prescribing, further define unprofessional conduct and housekeeping changes to school rules.
8. Increased funding for TCN contract to support relocation of office to Metro Center, Nashville.
9. Voted to grant a three year contract to the Tennessee Nurses foundation for TNPAP
10. Appointed Task Force to Study Conscious/Moderate Sedation. Beth Cole, Chair. It is expected that a recommendation will be presented at the May meeting.
11. Adopted Policy Statement: Licensed Practical Nurse's Role in an End Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Setting. December 03
12. Approved an LPN IV Therapy Policy Statement March 2004.
13. Will vote on new user friendly disciplinary guidelines at the May meeting.
14. At a future board meeting the members will be asked to support video broadcasting of board meetings on the Internet and paperless board meetings.
15. Annual approval of professional and practical nursing programs.
16. Next board meeting: May 13-14, 2004, Cumberland Room, CHB, Nashville.

### Office News

1. Internet – New address: [tennessee.gov/health](http://tennessee.gov/health). Click on licensing, health professions, nursing. Look for sunshine notice, agenda, policy statements, rulemaking hearing notices, minutes, law, rules, multistate regulation and noteworthy.
2. Online Renewal/Change of Address—[tennessee.gov/health](http://tennessee.gov/health), click on renewal of license. You may renew up to 120 days prior to your expiration date. Credit cards and nationwide bank debit cards accepted for payment. No fee for change of address.
3. Change of Name—**Fax** document that legally changed name to **615-741-7899**. Please include name as licensed, profession, license and social security numbers. No fee for change of name.
4. New Toll Free Number—**1-800-778-4123**

## LICENSES

	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse		
Active	66,291	25,859		
Inactive	1,311	503		
Failed to Renew	49,842	29,070		
Total	117,444	55,432		

## ENDORSEMENTS INTO TENNESSEE AND VERIFICATIONS OUT OF TENNESSEE 1990-2003

	<u>RNs into Tennessee</u>	<u>RNs out of Tennessee</u>	<u>LPNs into Tennessee</u>	<u>LPNs out of Tennessee</u>
1990 Total	1570	1967	590	543
1991 Total	1755	1895	643	500
1992 Total	2818	1970	583	518
1993 Total	2154	2192	643	497
1994 Total	2181	2361	725	486
1995 Total	2289	2788	605	535
1996 Total	2006	3175	618	497
1997 Total	2075	3010	587	540
1998 Total	2282	3643	671	565
1999 Total	1781	2826	451	415
2000 Total	1926	4576	483	524
2001 Total	2341	4752	515	540
2002 Total	2676	4514	1149	519
2003 Total	1675	6445	464	581

## ENDORSEMENTS AND VERIFICATIONS PER MONTH

	<u>2003</u> RN into TN	<u>2003</u> RN out of TN	<u>2003</u> PN into TN	<u>2003</u> PN out of TN
January	217	350	41	50
February	189	465	24	45
March	190	492	45	53
April	135	446	39	51
May	179	598	35	33
June	175	937	45	53
July	140	1392	47	91
August	136	303	48	49
September	70	518	39	50
October	32	280	47	35
November	106	280	30	35
December	106	384	24	36

# **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION—1995-2003**

	<b>RN</b>	<b>PN</b>
2003	1888	1278
2002	1800	1132
2001	1833	1016
2000	1826	920
1999	2055	952
1998	2192	883
1997	1846	967
1996	2594	975
1995	2769	1102

# **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION PER MONTH**

<b>2003</b>	<b><u>RN</u></b>	<b><u>PN</u></b>
January	75	79
February	198	61
March	123	21
April	40	223
May	50	123
June	608	52
July	531	70
August	91	88
September	56	61
October	58	343
November	38	117
December	20	40

# **CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS ISSUED-1996-2003**

2003 CF=321	1999 CF=365
2002 CF=268	1998 CF=302
2001 CF=355	1997 CF=322
2000 CF=311	1996 CF=286

# **CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS ISSUED PER MONTH**

<b><u>2003</u></b>			<b><u>2002</u></b>
January	28	January	22
February	16	February	20
March	31	March	35
April	31	April	28
May	19	May	26
June	40	June	18
July	17	July	16
August	25	August	28
September	22	September	25
October	37	October	16
November	18	November	21
December	<u>27</u>	December	13
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>321</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	268